Limited, Hyderabad and Bharat Petrochemicals Limited, Mumbai for commercial production.

New tourism projects

735. SHRI S.K. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of projects approved and implemented for the development of infrastructure in the field of tourism during the last three years;

(b) the funds sanctioned for each of the projects so far;

(c) the details of achievements made so far in this regard; and

(d) the new tourism project propose to be sanctioned during the current fiscal year?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b)The Department of Tourism, Government of India has sanctioned 967 projects amounting to Rs. 239.05 crores to the State Governments/ UT Administrations during last three years *i.e.* 1999-2000 to 2001 -2002 for development and promotion of tourism in the country.

(c) Out of 967 projects, 282 projects have been completed.

(d) The Department of Tourism has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 71.37 crores for new projects and development of infrastructure facilities and promotion of tourism during the year 2002-03.

Tourism potential in the country

736. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that as per expert estimates every one million additional foreign visitors would give India an additional revenue of Rs. 4,300 crores and that every additional investment of Rs. 1 million has a potential to generate 47.5 jobs; and

(b) if so, in what manner Government propose to launch an intensive tourism promotion programme, fixing target, monitoring their periodic

progress with a view to achieving anticipated benefits both in terms of job creation and revenue accruals?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) As per a recent research work, every additional one million foreign tourists coming to India has the potential of generating Rs. 4356 crores of revenue in the tourism industry and capital investment of Rs. 4516 crores in the industry has the potential of generating employment for 1,50,534 persons.

(b) The new Tourism Policy 2002 attempts to position tourism as a major engine of economic growth and to harness the direct and multiplier effect of tourism for employment generation and economic development. The Department of Tourism, Government of India has already identified at least one tourism-cum-cultural hub in each State/Union Territory and six tourism circuits in the country for integrated development. A new style of governance has been introduced which involves decision making at the spot during inspection tours, assessment of the problems in consultation with all stakeholders and following up of the progress of implementation of the projects by constant review and monitoring at the level of Minister and senior officers.

Promotion of Adventure Tourism in Uttaranchal

†737. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action plan has been formulated to promote Adventure Tourism in Uttaranchal; and

(b) if so, the facilities and financial assistance to be provided by Government to the State Government for implementation of this plan?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a)The State Tourism Policy announced by the Government of Uttaranchal in the year 2001 has identified Adventure Tourism as a thrust area.

(b) Specific Adventure Tourism Projects as and when received from the State Government of Uttaranchal the same will be considered on its merit and availability of funds.

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